

Extract from interrogation of TOGO, Shigenori - 26 March 1946

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- Q. Do you recall an alleged loan of three hundred million yen that was supposed to have been appropriated for the Nanking government some time during TOJO's service as premier.
- A. After the outbreak of war, around the spring of 1942, I recall the finance minister of the Nanking government coming to Japan regarding a loan; but I do not recall the exact amount.
- Q. Have you any information from where the money was obtained to make the loan to the Nanking government.
- A. The matter was chiefly handled by the Japanese Minister of Finance, and the loan was to be a credit from the Japanese government. From what I recall, the loan was to be made through the Japanese government by the Bank of Japan.
- Q. Do you have any knowledge that the funds might have been appropriated from opium and narcotic sources.
- A. I have not heard, nor have I any knowledge, about its relationship with narcotics or opium.
- Q. Do you know General Ryukichi TANAKA.
- A. Yes, I know TANAKA. When I was Director of the European and American Bureau of the Foreign Office, TANAKA was a staff officer of the Kwantung Army, and as Director of the Bureau I was in charge of matters relating to Soviet Russia. When TANAKA came to Tokyo and visited me, I emphasized the necessity of demarcating the boundary between Manchukuo and Soviet Russia, to which view TANAKA expressed agreement. Since then whenever TANAKA visited Tokyo, he called on me at least once. Thereafter I went abroad as ambassador, and when I returned to Japan Tanaka was Director of the Soldiers Affairs Bureau. Before I became Foreign Minister and during my Foreign Ministership, as well as after my Foreign Ministership, TANAKA used to call on me off and on, and at one time in a discussion we were of the same view in that after I had resigned as Foreign Minister we were of the same view that TOJO must be ousted. And before the termination of the war, when I had already set into motion measures or steps toward that end, TANAKA came to me and said that it was necessary to bring the war to a termination. That, briefly, describes the kind of relations I have had with TANAKA.

Q. Did you have a conversation with him around September of last year concerning the September 6, 1941, Imperial Conference.

A. I recall TANAKA visiting me at this house toward the end of September last year, but as we spoke of many things I do not recall whether the decisions of the Imperial Conference of September 6 was among the topics of discussion at that time.

Q. You were not Foreign Minister in September of 1941, but I understood that you had information concerning this particular Imperial Conference which had to do with TOJO and MUTO sending a main force to occupy South Indo-China immediately after the September 6 Imperial Conference.

A. The dispatch of military forces to Southwest French Indo-China was decided on July 2, and the actual dispatch of the forces took place in the latter part of July. Since then I have not been informed of troop movements; however, although not exactly I recall TANAKA telling me about the distribution of military forces, which although he was not directly connected with it he was informed, his position being more or less related to the matter, and that is that the distribution of forces had pretty much advanced with Forrosa as a base. Although I do not now recall exactly in the conversations I had with TANAKA last September, I recall that the distribution of forces had been advanced with Forrosa as a base, at least that is the way I recall the matter.

Q. Did you get this information from TANAKA or from some one else.

A. From TANAKA.

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答、私ハ田中ヲ知ツテキル。私ガ外務省欧米局長
デアツタ時、田中ハ關東軍ノ參謀デアツタ。
ソシテ私ハ局長トシテ「ソ」聯ニ關スル事項
ヲ受持ツテ居タ。田中ガ東京ニ來テ私ヲ訪問
シタ時、滿洲國ト「ソ」聯トノ國境ヲ劃定ス
ル必要ヲ強調シ、田中ハ此ノ意見ニ贊成シタ。
其レ以來、田中ハ東京ヘ來ル度ニ、少クトモ
一回ハ私ヲ訪問シタ。其ノ後、私ハ外國ヘ大
使トシテ行キ私カ日本ヘ歸ツテ來タ時、田中
ハ兵務局長ニナツテキタ。私ガ外務大臣ニナ
ル前、外務大臣在職中、又外務大臣ノヲ辭シテ後モ
田中ハ折々私ヲ訪問シ、或ル時議論ラジテ意見ガ一致シタ。
即チ私ガ外務大臣ヲ辭職シタ後ニハ東條ヲ放逐シナケレバナ
ラナイト云フコトニ我々ノ意見ガ一致シメシタ。ソシテ戦争
終了前、私カ既ニ其ノ目的ニ向ツテ方策ヲ取り始メタ頃、田
中ハ私ノ所ニ來テ戦争ヲ終結セセル必要ガアル事ヲ語ツタ。
之チ私ト田中ノ關係ガドンナモノカ大略ヲ述べタト思フ。

問、去年ノ九月頃、一九四一年九月六日ノ御前會議ニ就イテ彼ト
話シタ事ガアツタカ。

答、去年ノ九月ノ末頃田中カ私ヲ此ノ家ニ訪ネテ來タノハ覺エテ
キルガ、色々ノ事ヲ話シ合ツタノデ、當時論シ合ツタ事ノ中
ニ九月六日ノ御前會議ノ決定ガ含メレテキタカドウカハ覺エ
テ居ナイ。

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問、一九四一年ノ九月ニハ貴方ハ外務大臣デハナ
カツタガ、九月六日ノ御前會議ノ直後、南部
印度支那占領ノ爲東條ト武蔵ガ、草主力ヲ送
ル事ニ關係ノアツタ此ノ特殊ノ御前會議ニ關
シ貴方ガ情報ヲ得テ居タト云フコトニ了解シ
シテ宣數イカ。

答、南西佛領印度支那ヘノ軍は派遣ハ七月二日ニ
決定サレ、實際ニ派遣サレタノハ七月ノ終リ
デアツタ。ソレ以來、私ハ軍隊移動ニ關シテ
ハ知ラサレテ居ナイ。然シ、ハツキリトデハ
ナイガ、田中ガ軍は配直ニ付イテ私ニ語ツタ
事ヲ覚えて居ル。彼ハ直接其レニ關係シテハ居ナ
カツタガ、其ノ事ニ付イテ彼ハ情報ヲ得テ居
タ。彼ノ地位ハ其レニ多少其關係ガアツタカ
ラ、ソシテ其レハ、軍隊配直ハ臺灣ヲ基地ト
シテ相當進捗シテキルト云フ事デアツタ。
去年ノ九月ノ田中トノ會談ニ於テ、ハツキリ
トハ覚えて居ナイガ、軍はノ配直ハ臺灣ヲ基
地トシ相當進捗シテ居タト云フ事ヲ思ヒ出ス。
少クトモ其ノ事ニ關シテハソノ様ニ記憶シテ
居ル。

問、貴方ハ此ノ情報ヲ田中カラ得タノカ、ソレト
モ誰カ他ノ人カラ得タノカ。

答、田中カラ得タモノデアル。

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